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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended) An improved board anchor for securing a board to a wall member, said wall member having an opening formed therethrough, comprising:

a threaded shaft having a longitudinal axis;

a freely rotating anchor section attached to the screw shaft, said anchor section comprising a base portion and a channel shaped member having spaced apart, downwardly extending flange portions, each flange portion having a shaped opening formed therein , said base portion having an elongated portion with a threaded hole formed therein;

a rotatable [threaded] attachment ring having first and second protrusions formed on the perimeter of said attachment ring and a threaded hole, said protrusions adapted to engage the corresponding opening formed on said anchor section, said threaded shaft being threadly coupled to said attachment ring prior to the insertion of said

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anchor portion within said wall member opening, said attachment ring protrusions and said shaped openings enabling said threaded shaft to be initially positioned substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis within said wall member opening and repositioning the anchor section to a first position substantially perpendicular to said screw shaft longitudinal axis after exiting said wall member opening, said shaped openings and said attachment ring protrusions acting together to lock said anchor section in said first position, said threaded shaft engaging said threaded hole in said anchor section when said anchor section is in said first position, said shaped openings and said attachment ring protrusions functioning to position said anchor section substantially perpendicular to said screw shaft longitudinal axis so that the threaded holes in said attachment ring and said elongated portion of said anchor section are aligned as said threaded shaft is rotated such that a portion of said threaded shaft extends through said aligned holes, said shaped openings limiting the angular rotation of said attachment ring relative to said anchor section to substantially 90°.

Claims 5-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (currently amended) The board anchor of claim 7 ~~4~~ wherein each of said shaped openings are formed by first and second spaced apart protrusions extending into a cavity.

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Claim 12 (previously presented) The board anchor of claim 11 wherein sufficient space is provided between said first and second protrusions to enable said attachment ring protrusions to extend therebetween, said extending protrusions limiting the angular rotation of said attachment ring protrusions.